



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Norihiro SEKINE**

Group Art Unit: **2811**

Serial Number: **09/963,485**

Examiner: **Donghee Kang**

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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND MANUFACTURING METHOD  
THEREOF**

Attorney Docket No.: **011292**

Customer No.: **38834**

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

August 24, 2004

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.